

**MINUTES**  
**WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 217**

The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm on Monday, March 9, 2015 in Room 217 of the West Hartford Town Hall. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.

At the meeting, the following matters were discussed:

1. Ken gave a quick report on the status of the Master Bike Plan. Since it has only been two weeks since our last meeting, there were no additional details. However, Ken will make a full report at the April meeting.
2. Kevin and Dan gave a presentation regarding Bike Routes and Bike Lanes. They summarized the meeting that they had last week with various town officials. The meeting was very positive. The goal of the subcommittee is to review best practices and make recommendations for changes in infrastructure, keeping in mind the comfort level of the suggested routes and the destinations in town to be connected. Kevin recognized that we won't be able to get more cyclists in town by simply putting up signs and painting sharrows. That will be accomplished by painted bicycle lanes, cycle tracks, shared use paths and bicycle boulevards. Kevin's committee will be putting together a neighborhood meeting in May at the Montessori School on North Main Street and inviting residents from various key neighborhoods to attend.
3. Sandy gave an update on the Complete Streets policy. The interviews for the consultants will be held on March 30 and the selection should be made shortly thereafter.
4. There were no representatives from the Bike Share Program at the meeting. They will give a full report at the April meeting.
5. Steve and Mary Ellen spoke about the North Main Street Road Diet. They will be meeting on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Lox, Stock & Bagel in Bishop's Corner to walk down North Main Street.
6. Jim and Laurie gave a detailed report on the West Hartford "Big Event" Bicycle Ride which will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Jim and Laurie need approximately 40 volunteers to assist at the event. They also expressed their need for the individual members of the WHBAC to fund raise for this event.
7. Lene gave an updated report on Cycling Without Age. She reported that the bikes will cost about \$5,000 each. The goal is to purchase 4 bikes to be used at the senior centers and nursing homes in town to take the elderly on local bike rides.
8. Lene also gave a report on safe routes to school. She and Jen met with Rose Bonner. It appears that the fourth grade teacher at Whiting Lane School is interested in adding bike safety to the curriculum for the 2015/2016 school year. Lene also reported that Bike to School Day is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2015.

9. The rest of the meeting consisted of a strategic planning discussion of the future of bicycling in West Hartford. We started off by discussing our accomplishments and strengths, and continued with a discussion of our weaknesses. We will be picking up where we left off at the April meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair  
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee